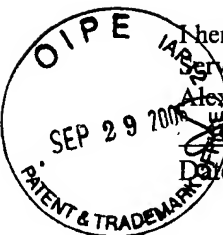


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/620,782

Confirmation No. : 1121

Applicants : Dirk J. Sundt, William A. Polinsky, Mark A. Bossler, Gabriel G. Videla and
Chris L. Inman

Filed : July 15, 2003

Attorney Docket No. : 501085.02

Art Unit : 2811

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Shouxiang Hu

Title : STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR FORMING A FACETED OPENING AND LAYER
FILLING THEREIN

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application and herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from August 30, 2006, to September 30, 2006. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$910, which includes \$120 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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a. ☒ Submission previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 25, 2006.

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

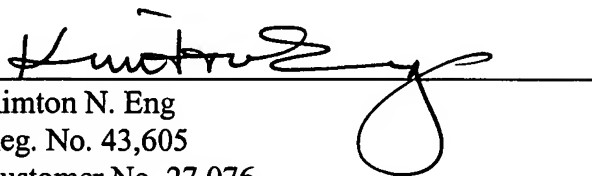
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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